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SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
ESTIMATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT - September quarter						
Unemployment	no.	-	-	224	161	178
Unemployment rate	%	-	-	4.5	2.9	3.2
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE - year ended 30 June						
Total Revenue	$'000	6,480	7,036	15,274	10,729	13,871
Total Expenses	$'000	6,639	7,051	10,457	11,185	10,984
Net Operating Balance (Revenue less Expenses)	$'000	-159	-15	4,817	-456	2,887
Total Assets	$'000	37,039	38,534	80,432	79,534	84,116
Total Liabilities	$'000	4,561	6,092	8,509	7,876	9,200
GFS Net Worth (Assets less Liabilities)	$'000	32,478	32,442	71,923	71,658	74,916
Net Debt (Financial Liabilities less Financial Assets)	$'000	1,221	1,962	1,411	2,791	3,721
SELECTED INCOME SUPPORT CUSTOMERS - at June						
Age pension	no.	-	-	1,106	1,177	-
Disability support pension	no.	-	-	350	372	-
Newstart allowance	no.	-	-	227	231	-
Parenting payment - single	no.	-	-	215	221	-
Youth allowance	no.	-	-	221	197	-
Other pensions and allowances	no.	-	-	352	366	-
Total selected income support customers	no.	-	-	2,471	2,564	-
Percentage of long-term Newstart allowance customers	%	-	-	58.8	57.0	-
AVERAGE INDIVIDUAL ANNUAL TAXABLE INCOME - year ended 30 June	$	30,451	33,550	34,970	36,643	-
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS - year ended 30 June						
Wage and salary earners	no.	3,645	3,665	3,912	4,211	-
Wage and salary income	$m	105.3	110.7	122.2	138.0	-
Total income	$m	108.3	116.0	128.3	144.1	-
Average wage and salary income	$	28,882	30,202	31,231	32,762	-
Average total income	$	29,711	31,643	32,799	34,211	-

SOURCE OF PERSONAL INCOME - year ended 30 June						
Wage and salary	%	69.8	65.8	-	-	-
Own unincorporated business	%	8.6	13.3	-	-	-
Investment	%	5.6	5.8	-	-	-
Superannuation and annuity	%	2.1	2.0	-	-	-
Government cash benefit	%	13.4	12.6	-	-	-
Other income	%	0.5	0.5	-	-	-
Total income from all sources	$m	155.0	176.0	-	-	-
LAND AREA	km2	-	-	-	-	1,277.6
BUILDING APPROVALS - year ended 30 June						
Private sector houses	no.	136	67	247	178	188
Total dwelling units	no.	136	67	247	178	190
Value of total residential building	$m	14.9	7.5	28.2	23.1	26.8
Value of total non-residential building	$m	14.8	1.9	5.5	26.8	20.6
Value of total building	$m	29.8	9.4	33.7	49.8	47.3
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES - year ended 30 June						
Passenger vehicles	no.	-	-	145	186	190
Other vehicles	no.	-	-	89	139	158
Total vehicles	no.	-	-	234	325	348
VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION - year ended 30 June						
Value of crops	$m	-	60.0	-	-	-
Value of livestock slaughterings and other disposals	$m	-	34.7	-	-	-
Value of livestock products	$m	-	6.6	-	-	-
Total value of agricultural production	$m	-	101.4	-	-	-
POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX- at 30 June						
Males - 0 to 4 years	no.	357	353	360	375	389
Males - 5 years to 9 years	no.	442	441	447	462	470
Males - 10 years to 14 years	no.	442	449	457	475	489
Males - 15 years to 19 years	no.	433	438	444	461	456
Males - 20 years to 24 years	no.	236	240	262	291	323
Males - 25 years to 29 years	no.	306	309	285	321	314
Males - 30 years to 34 years	no.	319	317	339	363	377
Males - 35 years to 39 years	no.	465	442	417	411	408

Males - 40 years to 44 years	no.	478	493	496	542	548
Males - 45 years to 49 years	no.	411	436	475	474	487
Males - 50 years to 54 years	no.	356	358	373	389	389
Males - 55 years to 59 years	no.	269	279	307	339	369
Males - 60 years to 64 years	no.	222	240	245	270	289
Males - 65 years to 69 years	no.	193	183	199	206	212
Males - 70 years to 74 years	no.	174	174	179	188	197
Males - 75 years to 84 years	no.	92	114	121	123	135
Males - 75 years to 84 years	no.	51	50	56	62	63
Males - 85 years and over	no.	39	42	40	42	46
Males - total	no.	5,285	5,358	5,502	5,794	5,961
Females - 0 to 4 years	no.	360	331	333	353	357
Females - 5 years to 9 years	no.	380	407	391	404	419
Females - 10 years to 14 years	no.	447	424	442	441	442
Females - 15 years to 19 years	no.	371	387	413	447	442
Females - 20 years to 24 years	no.	226	237	239	254	263
Females - 25 years to 29 years	no.	279	276	274	299	330
Females - 30 years to 34 years	no.	371	357	361	379	373
Females - 35 years to 39 years	no.	461	476	459	475	476
Females - 40 years to 44 years	no.	481	477	495	518	508
Females - 45 years to 49 years	no.	358	390	421	442	480
Females - 50 years to 54 years	no.	316	318	334	351	358
Females - 55 years to 59 years	no.	253	277	302	312	328
Females - 60 years to 64 years	no.	222	231	246	265	286
Females - 65 years to 69 years	no.	176	176	175	198	200
Females - 70 years to 74 years	no.	136	132	138	131	153
Females - 75 years to 84 years	no.	117	123	120	128	123
Females - 75 years to 84 years	no.	84	85	88	99	106
Females - 85 years and over	no.	76	80	88	92	94
Females - total	no.	5,114	5,184	5,319	5,588	5,738
Persons - 0 to 4 years	no.	717	684	693	728	746
Persons - 5 years to 9 years	no.	822	848	838	866	889
Persons - 10 years to 14 years	no.	889	873	899	916	931
Persons - 15 years to 19 years	no.	804	825	857	908	898
Persons - 20 years to 24 years	no.	462	477	501	545	586
Persons - 25 years to 29 years	no.	585	585	559	620	644
Persons - 30 years to 34 years	no.	690	674	700	742	750
Persons - 35 years to 39 years	no.	926	918	876	886	884

Persons - 40 years to 44 years	no.	959	970	991	1,060	1,056
Persons - 45 years to 49 years	no.	769	826	896	916	967
Persons - 50 years to 54 years	no.	672	676	707	740	747
Persons - 55 years to 59 years	no.	522	556	609	651	697
Persons - 60 years to 64 years	no.	444	471	491	535	575
Persons - 65 years to 69 years	no.	369	359	374	404	412
Persons - 70 years to 74 years	no.	310	306	317	319	350
Persons - 75 years to 84 years	no.	209	237	241	251	258
Persons - 75 years to 84 years	no.	135	135	144	161	169
Persons - 85 years and over	no.	115	122	128	134	140
Persons - total	no.	10,399	10,542	10,821	11,382	11,699
INDIGENOUS POPULATION - PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION at 30 June	%	-	0.8	-	-	-
OVERSEAS BORN POPULATION : PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION - Census 2001						
Total Born overseas	%	-	14.0	-	-	-
Born in Oceania and Antarctica (excluding Australia)	%	-	0.4	-	-	-
Born in North-West Europe	%	-	11.7	-	-	-
Born in Southern and Eastern Europe	%	-	1.0	-	-	-
Born in North Africa and the Middle East	%	-	0.1	-	-	-
Born in South-East Asia	%	-	0.3	-	-	-
Born in North-East Asia	%	-	0.0	-	-	-
Born in Southern and Central Asia	%	-	0.1	-	-	-
Born in Americas	%	-	0.2	-	-	-
Born in Sub-Saharan Africa	%	-	0.2	-	-	-
SPEAKS A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME : PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION - Census 2001	%	-	2.4	-	-	-
LEVEL OF POST SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS : PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER - Census 2001						
Postgraduate Degree	%	-	0.5	-	-	-
Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate	%	-	0.8	-	-	-
Bachelor Degree	%	-	5.6	-	-	-
Advanced Diploma and Diploma	%	-	5.0	-	-	-
Certificate	%	-	17.9	-	-	-
Inadequately described or Not stated	%	-	9.0	-	-	-
Total with qualifications	%	-	38.9	-	-	-

OCCUPATION OF EMPLOYED PERSONS : PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL EMPLOYED PERSONS - Census 2001						
Managers and Administrators	%	-	15.8	-	-	-
Professionals	%	-	11.8	-	-	-
Associate Professionals	%	-	10.0	-	-	-
Tradespersons and Related Workers	%	-	13.8	-	-	-
Advanced Clerical and Service Workers	%	-	3.0	-	-	-
Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	%	-	12.9	-	-	-
Intermediate Production and Transport Workers	%	-	8.7	-	-	-
Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers	%	-	6.9	-	-	-
Labourers and Related Workers	%	-	15.3	-	-	-
Inadequately described or Not stated	%	-	1.7	-	-	-
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE - Census 2001						
Lone person households	no.	-	633	-	-	-
Group households	no.	-	57	-	-	-
Family households	no.	-	2,883	-	-	-
Total households	no.	-	3,573	-	-	-
FAMILIES BY TYPE - Census 2001						
Couple families with children under 15 and/or dependent students	no.	-	1,239	-	-	-
Couple families with non-dependent children only	no.	-	231	-	-	-
Couple families without children	no.	-	1,106	-	-	-
One parent families with children under 15 and/or dependent students	no.	-	207	-	-	-
One parent families with non-dependent children only	no.	-	88	-	-	-
Other families	no.	-	33	-	-	-
Total families	no.	-	2,904	-	-	-
PROPORTION OF POPULATION IN REMOTENESS AREA - Census 2001						
Major cities	%	-	3.8	-	-	-
Inner regional	%	-	96.2	-	-	-
Outer regional	%	-	0.0	-	-	-
Remote	%	-	0.0	-	-	-
Very remote	%	-	0.0	-	-	-
POPULATION DENSITY - at 30 June	persons/km2	-	-	-	-	9.2
BIRTHS AND DEATHS						

Births - year ended 31 December	no.	111	115	118	139	153
Crude birth rate	rate	10.6	10.9	10.9	12.2	13.0
Deaths - year ended 31 December	no.	55	43	56	48	53
Crude death rate	rate	5.2	4.0	5.1	4.2	4.5
GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS - at August						
Number of Schools	no.	7	7	7	7	7
Teachers - Male	no.	35	37	37	37	35
Teachers - Female	no.	53	52	52	52	55
Teachers - Total	no.	88	89	89	89	90
Primary students	no.	1,018	1,042	1,030	1,083	1,129
Secondary students	no.	394	377	384	362	372
Total students	no.	1,412	1,419	1,414	1,445	1,501
PRIVATE SCHOOLS - at August						
Number of Schools	no.	2	2	2	2	2
Primary students - Male	no.	24	25	26	32	33
Primary students - Female	no.	16	20	25	25	20
Primary students - Total	no.	40	45	50	57	53
Secondary students - Male	no.	355	400	404	423	425
Secondary students - Female	no.	382	379	401	426	436
Secondary students - Total	no.	737	779	805	848	861
Total students	no.	776	824	855	905	914
TOTAL SCHOOLS - at August						
Total schools	no.	9	9	9	9	9
Total students	no.	2,188	2,243	2,269	2,349	2,414
PROPERTY SALES - Year ended June						
Residential sales - Number	no.	179	188	230	256	13
Residential sales - Value	$m	19	21	29	39	1
Residential sales - Average value	$'000	106	109	128	153	72
Commercial/Industrial sales - Number	no.	125	7	14	12	2
Commercial/Industrial sales - Value	$m	22	1	2	2	0
Primary Production sales - Number	no.	96	86	67	58	13
Primary Production sales - Value	$m	15	20	19	19	4
PROPERTY VALUATIONS - Year ended June						
Residential - Number of properties	no.	-	2,851	2,871	3,054	3,385
Residential - Capital Value	$m	-	278	300	353	630

Residential - Average Capital Value	$'000	-	97	105	116	186
Commercial/Industrial - Number of properties	no.	-	364	361	373	360
Commercial/Industrial - Capital Value	$m	-	68	68	94	125
Commercial/Industrial - Average Capital Value	$'000	-	187	190	253	348
Primary Production - Number of properties	no.	-	2,176	2,147	2,211	2,141
Primary Production - Capital Value	$m	-	501	537	629	908
Primary Production - Average Capital Value	$'000	-	230	250	285	424